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# Seasons Greetings from all of us at Radio Shack to all of you!



### **Fort Worth Scene**

As we come to the close of another year we would like to look back at some of the changes which have come about in this year.

One way these changes can be measured is by comparing this year's computer catalog RSC-3 with last year's, RSC-2. In RSC-2 we listed 11 business related programs, RSC-3 has 24. RSC-2 listed 4 utility programs, RSC-3 has 6. RSC-2 had 2 personal programs, RSC-3 has 5. RSC-2 listed 7 educational programs, we now list 9 with more just around the corner! RSC-2 had 11 games, RSC-3 has 13. Communications packages remained at one in both catalogs. These additions to the software line represent a 62% increase. Over 80% of the programs listed in RSC-3 are available NOW. The rest will become available over the next few months.

Hardware prices have dropped. Our 4K Level I (26-1051) dropped from \$599 to \$499, while our 16K Level II (26-1056) dropped from \$988 to \$849. We have added two new printers, Line Printer II (26-1154) and Line Printer III (26-1156). We also gave you the ability to run printers using a Level II computer without an Expansion Interface, a minimum savings of \$240 for those of you who do not plan on moving up to Disk systems.

We also introduced our all new Model II microcomputer in the last year. The Model II with a single 8" Disk drive and 32K memory is only \$3450. This gives you over 480 thousand bytes of disk storage at a very low price.

We look forward to the new year. We already know of new products which will be

available - products not mentioned in RSC-3. These include both hardware and software. We think you will like what is going to come out in 1980. And we look forward to writing a column like this next vear, because there will be new products out which are not hinted at now. I can hardly wait...

### Model II Users Note

Our Model I Double Precision Subroutine Package (26-1704, \$9.95) can give you double precision functions! No, you cannot load them from tape, but the manual contains source listings for the routines, which allow you to put them into your programs as subroutines. This is a fast, inexpensive solution for those of you who need double precision functions. Elsewhere in this Newsletter we describe the method of using this package to get double precision exponentiation.

### **Holiday Schedule**

Computer Services will be OPEN for phone calls the Saturday prior to Christmas and the Saturday prior to New Years. They will be closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1979; Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1979; New Years Eve, Dec. 31, 1979; and New Years Day, Jan. 1, 1980.

### **Note to Disk Payroll Users:**

A diskette containing updated W-2 form and Earned Income Credit information for our Disk Payroll Program (26-1556) is available from National Parts. The Stock Number is ACT-0111 with a suggested retail price of \$9.50. This diskette can be ordered through any Radio Shack Store.

#### **COMPUTER SERVICES ADDRESS** AND PHONE NUMBERS

Computer Services 900 Two Tandy Center Ft. Worth, Texas 76102 Computer Services Phone Numbers: 1-800-433-1679 (WATS except Texas) 1-800-772-5914 (WATS inside Texas)

All TRS-80 related calls and mail should be directed to the above address, or one of the above phone numbers. Computer Services is staffed with knowledgeable people who are there to answer your questions. If they do not have an immediate answer, they have the internal contacts to get the answers in a minimum amount of time. Questions sent to the Newsletter must be sent to Computer Services via internal mail, which delays your response.

1-817-390-3583 (Switchboard)

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# **User Programs and Hints**

# Screen Print Routine, Revisited

Jay Reso of Metairie, La. suggests the following routine for printing the contents of the video display to a lineprinter:

1000 DIM \$\$(15) 1010 FOR T = 0 TO 15 1020 \$\$(T) = " " 1030 POKE VARPTR(\$\$(T)),64 1040 POKE VARPTR(\$\$(T)) + 1, (T\*64 + 15360) AND 255 1050 POKE VARPTR(\$\$(T)) + 2, (T\*64 + 15360) /256 1060 NEXT T 1100 FOR T = 0 TO 15:LPRINT \$\$(T): NEXT

Line 1020 establishes S\$(T) with a location in memory. Line 1030 sets the length of the string to 64 bytes. Lines 1040 and 1050 set the string pointer to the location of the first byte of a video line.

Once you have executed lines 1000-1060, you can execute 1100 at any time and you will get a printed copy of the screen. Remember that you cannot print graphic characters (See Nov. Newsletter for routines to print graphics) to a lineprinter. One other caution is that you may not ASSIGN values to the strings S\$(T). If you try to assign values to these strings, you will reset the pointers and you will have to rerun lines 1000-1060.

## **Screen Print to Tape**

It has come to our attention that not all of you have lineprinters!! And, it seems, some of you would like to be able to save those wonderful video graphics even though you haven't saved quite enough for that printer (Santa Claus — are you listening?).

Jay Hass of Plano, II. sent us the following routine which will save both alphanumeric and graphic information onto tape. His routine reads video memory, converts the information to string values and stores the strings on tape. This allows you to create a graphic design like a bar graph, include labels and comments on the screen and save them both onto tape at the same time!

30000 '\*\* EDITOR/STRING DUMP ROUTINE \*\* 30010 CLEAR 256 30020 FOR X = 15360 TO 16383 30030 G = PEEK(X) 30040 POKE X,191 30050 POKE X,G 30060 IF G = 44 THEN POKE X,95 ELSE IF G = 58 THEN

POKE X.94 30070 NEXT X 30080 FOR T=15360 TO 16256 **STEP 128** 30090 FOR X = T TO (T + 127) 30100 B\$ = B\$ + CHR\$( PEEK( X)) 30110 POKE X,32 **30120 NEXT X** 30130 PRINT#-1,B\$ 30140 B\$=" **30150 NEXT T 30160 RETURN 30170 '\*SCREEN IS NOW ON** CASSETTE TAPE\* 40000 '\*\* REASSEMBLER/EDITOR **ROUTINE \*\*** 40010 CLS 40020 FOR X = 1 TO 8 40030 INPUT# - 1,B\$ 40040 IF X = 8 THEN PRINT LEFT\$(B\$, 127); ELSE PRINT B\$; 40050 NEXT 40060 FOR X = 15360 TO 16383 40070 G = PEEK(X)

Lines 30020-30070 scan video memory converting commas to an underline and colons to a right arrow. This permits the program to store two lines of the video in each string variable. Lines 40060-40110 restore the commas and colons after you have reloaded the data from tape.

40100 IF G = 95 THEN POKE X.44 ELSE

IF G = 94 THEN POKE X.58

# **Christmas Tree**

40080 POKE X,191

40090 POKE X,G

40110 NEXT X

**40120 RETURN** 

This program was submitted by Gary Akins, Jr. We made minor modifications to allow the program to run in either Level I or Level II. If you have Level I, change line 10 to read: 10CLS This is the only change that needs to be made. Have fun!

4 REM \*
5 REM \* P.S. THIS MAKES YOUR
COMPUTER THE MOST
EXPENSIVE \*

**8 REM \* WRITTEN BY GARY AKINS** JUNIOR \* 10 DIM A(20):CLS 20 J = 64:K = 6430 FOR S=1 TO 2 40 FOR Y = S TO 37 50 SET(J,Y):SET(K,Y) 60 J = J - 1:K = K + 170 NEXT Y 80 J=64:K=64 90 NEXT S 100 FOR X = 27 TO 101: SET(X,38): **NEXT X** 110 FOR Y = 39 TO 47: SET(54,Y): SET(74,Y): NEXT Y 120 FOR X = 54 TO 74: SET(X,47):NEXT 150 FOR D=1 TO 20 160 READ A(D) **180 NEXT D** 190 DATA 50,57,65,96,41,94,54,74,63,36 200 DATA 87,89,79,87,74,48,56,97,73,60 210 FOR F=1 TO 7 220 D = 0 230 FOR Y = 20 TO 40 240 D = D + 1 250 K = A(D)260 SET(K,Y) 265 IF D = 20 THEN 280 **270 NEXT Y** 280 D=0 290 FOR Y = 1 TO 20 300 D = D + 1 310 K = A(D)320 SET(K,Y) **330 NEXT Y** 340 D = 0 350 FOR Y = 1 TO 20 360 D = D + 1 370 K = A(D)380 RESET(K,Y):RESET(K,Y+10) 390 NEXT Y 400 D = 0 410 FOR Y = 20 TO 40 420 D = D + 1 430 K = A(D)440 RESET(K,Y) 445 IF D = 20 THEN 460 **450 NEXT Y 460 NEXT F** 470 FOR X = 1 TO 500:NEXT X 480 RESTORE:CLS:GOTO20



# **Teacher Aide**

Teacher Aide is designed to reduce the burden of paperwork that is usually associated with the teaching profession. Teacher Aide will calculate student grades, assign classroom seats, keep track of absences, tardies, overdue books, and report cards. It will also maintain an up-to-date student personal information file.

Teacher Aide will store information on a per class basis. Up to 35 students per class can be filed on small, easy to use cassette tapes. To use Teacher Aide, you merely play back the student tape into the computer to display all the student class informa-

tion. You can then rearrange the classroom seating, enter raw scores, convert raw test scores into A, B, C, D, F grades, add grades to a cumulative total and then record (or save) all the new data back onto the cassette.

# I. Q. Builder

Looking for a New Job?
Trying to Get a Promotion?
Want to Get Into a Good College?
Tired of Not Understanding?

Radio Shack does not have the magic key, but we can help. With more and more companies going to pre-employment tests, and batteries of tests for promotions, you need to feel comfortable taking multiple choice tests. You should also be aware of the types of questions you may be asked, as well as have a way of solving problems.

I.Q. Builder contains over 30 programs designed to build, or reinforce, an individual's vocabulary and problem solving skills. Most exercises are presented in a multiple choice format, as they are normally found on this type of test. The three problem

sets are Analogies, Number Series, and Vocabulary Builder.

**Analogies** are covered in six lessons with 27 different analogy types. A mastery test is included.

**Number Series** consists of eight programs designed to help you learn how to solve numeric patterns. Again, a final test is included to allow the individual to check on skill mastery.

**Vocabulary Builder** covers synonyms and antonyms. The Part I material is relatively easy. The Part II material contains significantly more difficult material.

# Disk Editor/Assembler

Radio Shack's Model I TRS-80 DISK EDITOR/ASSEMBLER package includes everything the experienced Assembly language programmer needs to create, compile, and execute Z-80 or 8080 Assembly Language Programs.

The DISK EDITOR/ASSEMBLER PACKAGE consists of:

- 1. EDIT-80 (EDIT) and EDIT-80 User's Manual
- 2. MACRO-80 (M80) and MACRO-80 User's Manual
- 3. LINK-80 (L80) and LINK-80 User's Manual
- 4. FORTRAN Subroutine Library (FORLIB/REL)
- 5. CREF-80 (CREF80) Cross Reference Facility
- 6. Z-80 Instruction Set and Appendix

#### Format 1

The DISK EDITOR/ASSEMBLER Package comes complete in a deluxe three-ring binder with two program diskettes and all manuals.

### Minimum Hardware Required

- Level II TRS-80 with 16K RAM
- Expansion Interface with 16K RAM
- One Disk Drive (two preferred)

### **Detailed Description**

The DISK EDITOR/ASSEMBLER Package will allow the experienced Assembly Language Programmer to write programs using either Z-80 or 8080 mnemonics. Your Assembly language programs are created using the powerful EDIT-80 text editor. Object Code is compiled using MACRO-80. This powerful assembler creates absolute or relocatable code. MACRO-80 contains 25 pseudo-ops which allow a wide variety of assembly control, including conditional (IF-ELSE), numeric bases (RADIX) from 2 to 16, COMMON (memory blocks which are compatable with the FORTRAN COMMON statement), Z-80 or 8080 opcodes, and more. The LINK-80 Linking Loader is used to load object code, needed library routines and either execute your program, or create a TRSDOS executable file. The CREF-80 Cross Reference Facility provides you with a listing file in which each source statement contains a cross reference number. In addition an alphabetical listing of variable names with a list of line numbers which reference those variables is provided.

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# **Disk Payroll System**

The TRS-80 Model I Disk Payroll System is designed to simplify the payroll process.

### **Payroll System Features**

- Calculates and Prints payroll checks automatically
- Calculates all Federal Taxes in all States and the District of Columbia
- · Calculates State Tax in all States and the District of Columbia
- · Automatic Printing of W-2 forms at the end of the year
- Fourteen User-Defined Earnings and Deduction Categories
- Six User-Defined Workman's Compensation Classifications
- Up to 99 Employees
- Provision for Automatic Voluntary Deductions, such as Savings, Christmas Clubs, etc.
- · Automatic Check Register before or after printing
- Easy Error correction and recovery
- · Automatic Out-of-Balance detection
- · Automatic Monthly, Quarterly, and Annual Journals

### Minimum System Requirements

- TRS-80 16K Level II System
- TRS-80 16K Expansion Interface
- Two TRS-80 Model I Disk Drives
- 80 column printer such as our Line Printer I or Line Printer III
- TRS-80 Printer Cable

# **Business Mailing List**

The Radio Shack Business Mailing List System is a fast storage and retrieval system for names and addresses. The system provides two formats, compressed and expanded. Other features include:

- · Automatically sorts records in alphabetical and zip code order
- · Rapid access to any name on record
- Easy error correction and recovery
- Print listings and mailing labels
- Print your own return address labels
- · Revise or update any information at any time

### **Minimum System Requirements:**

- 16K Level II Computer System
- 16K Expansion Interface
- Two Model I Disk Drives
- TRS-80 Line Printer such as: Line Printer I or Line Printer III
- · Appropriate Printer Cable

### **System Capacities:**

### COMPRESSED FORMAT

990 names with the minimum system 1980 names with 32K RAM and 3 Disk Drives 2970 names with 48K RAM and 4 Disk Drives

#### **EXPANDED FORMAT**

660 names with the minimum system 1320 names with 32K RAM and 3 Disk Drives 1980 names with 48K RAM and 4 Disk Drives

# Manufacturing Inventory Control

The Radio Shack Manufacturing Inventory Control System is designed to help reduce the time and expense of inventory control. This system will help control Raw Materials, Finished Goods, and assist in planning material requirements.

### **Minimum System Requirements**

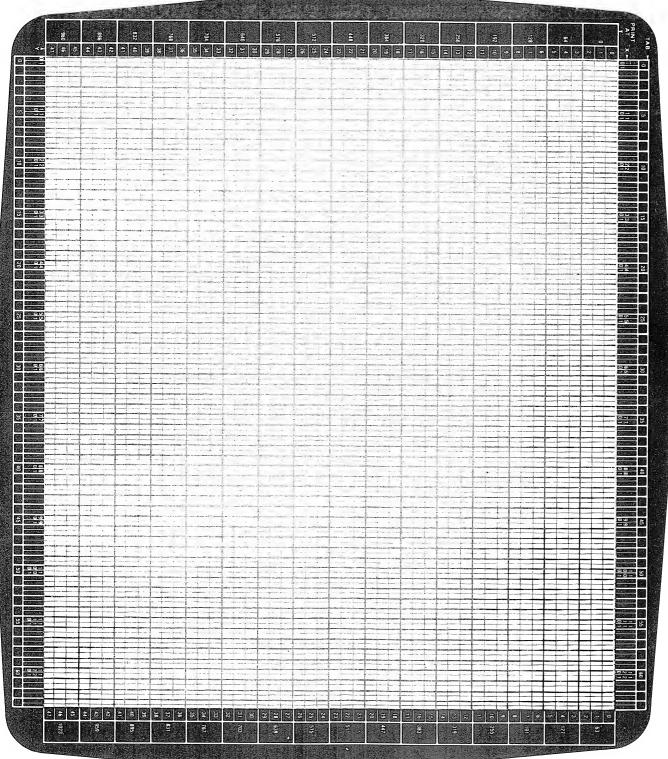
- 16K Level II Computer System
- 16K Expansion Interface
- Two Model I Disk Drives
- 132 Column Printer such as our Line Printer III
- Appropriate Printer Cable

With the minimum system, you can handle up to 1700 Raw Materials. With four disk drives and a 32K Expansion Interface, capacity increases to 5700 Raw Materials. Each Program Diskette can handle up to 20 Finished Goods. If you have more than 20 Finished Goods, you simply use multiple copies of the program diskette.

Reports and Lists Printed by the system include:

Raw Materials Inventory Report Bill of Materials Pull Sheets Finished Goods List Out-of-Stock Reports Inventory Worksheets Raw Materials Use Reports "Where Used" Reports

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26-1507 STAND/POORS 26-1551 OISK MAILIN	A/S 79	4	ACT-0300 KBFIX	MAY 79	2	ROM KIT LI-LII COMPATABILIT	JAN 78 May 79	1 6	TIP #3 PRTR REAOY? TIP #4 SYSTEM/20992	NOV 7B NOV 7B	4 4
26-1551 DISK MAILIN 26-1552 GEN LEDG I	NOV 7B NOV 7B	2	AW-2340 BUFF CABLE	MAY 79 OCT 79	1 4	E EU OOM AIRBILIT	JUN 79	4	TIP #4 SYSTEM/20992	OEC 79	4
FO-1005 OFM FFDG I	JUL 79	1	AW-2440 TRANS CABLE AODENDUMS	JUL 79	2	PAYROLL CONV	MAY 79	6	TRANSFER MI-MII	OCT 79	4
POST ERRORS	A/S 79	3	AOV. STAT, ANALYSIS	JUN 79	2	PROG CONVERS	MAY 79	6	TRS-80 CLASSROOM	JUN 79	6
26-1553 ICS I	OCT 79	4	ALGEBRA I 26-1702	JAN 7B	2	LII BASIC PART II	JUN 79	2		OCT 79	2
26-1554 ACCTS PAYAB	A/S 79	4	AMATEUR RADIO NETS	JUN 79	7	LII CASSETTE MOOIFI LINE PRINTER CABLES	MAY 79 A/S 79	3 2	TRS-BO MOOEL II	NOV 79	3
26-1555 ACCTS RECEI	A/S 79	4	ARRAYS-PROG. TECHNI,	JAN 7B JUN 79	3 4	LINE PRINTER II	JUL 79	í	TRSOOS 2.1 PATCH	JUL 79 May 79	3 5
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26-1556 OISK PAYROL	DEC 79	1	BACKGAMMON/BLACKJAC	JAN 78	2	LOWER CASE TO UPPER	A/S 79	1		JUL 79	1
26-1557 CONCRETE	OEC 79 A/S 79	A2 4	BASIC CMOS IN PROGS	JUN 79	6	MAILING LIST SYSTEM MAINLINE SORT ORIVE	NOV 7B NOV 7B	2	AVAILABL	A/S 79	4
26-1558 BUS MAIL LS	A/S 79	4	BUOGET MANPRTR	OCT. 79 May 79	2	MATH I	VOL 1	2	INOEX TRSOOS 2.3	OCT 79 NOV 79	1
	OEC 79	A2	BUFF CABL SCRN PT I BUG OEPARTMENT	MAY 79 A/S 79	1		JAN 7B	2	USER PROG & HINTS	OCT 79	3
26-1559 MANU INVENT	A/S 79	4	CARRYING CASES	NOV 7B	i	MEMORY KIT 16K	JAN 78	1		NOV 79	3
	OEC 79	A2	CAUTION TO DISK OWN	MAY 79	5	MEMORY MANAGEMENT	JUN 79	7		DEC 79	2
26-1560 FXO ASS ACC	A/S 79 A/S 79	4	CAUTION-CUSTOMIZERS	MAY 79	В	MERGE CASSETTE PROG	JUL 79	2	VARIABLE NAMES-LII	JUN 79	5
26-1561 TIME ACCTNG 26-1563 OSK WRO PRO	A/S 79	4	CHRISTMAS TREE	DEC 79	2	MICROCHESS MICROCOMPUTER SYSTE	NOV 7B VOL 1	2	VERIFY YOUR CASSETT	JUN 79 JAN 78	7 1
26-1571 REAL ES I	A/S 79	ĭ	CLOAO TWO PROGRAMS COMM. SOFTWARE PKG.	JUL 79 May 79	2	MICROMARQUEE	JUN 79	2	VIDEO TO PRINTER	JUL 79	2
26-1572 REAL ES II	A/S 79	1	COMPUTER HOTLINE	MAY 79	i	MICROMOVIE	JUN 79	2		OEC 79	2
26-1573 REAL ES III	A/S 79	1	COMPUTER SERVICES	OCT 79	1	MICROMUSIC	MAY 79	6	VIOEO/PROG WORKSHET	MAY 79	6
26-1574 REAL ES IV 26-1575 REAL ES V	A/S 79 A/S 79	4 4		NOV 79	1	MINI OISK DRIVE 0	JAN 78 JUN 79	2 B	VOICE SYNTHESIZER	MAY 79	7
26-1576 REAL ES VI	A/S 79	4		OEC 79	1	MOOEL II ANNOUNCEO CORNER	JUN 79 NOV 79	1	WHATS BEEN HAPPENIN	NOV 78	1
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### Double Precision Exponentiation

If you work with double precision numbers, you have probably wished that exponentiation were a double precision function. You can easily make it one using our Double Precision Subroutine Program (26-1704, \$9.95).

The Double Precision Subroutine Program provides you with Natural Logarithm and Exponential functions. Using these functions and the following formula will give you double precision exponentiation:

B# is the base number P# is the power

EXP(LOG(B#)\*P#) IS THE RESULT

If B#=5 and P#=5 then  $EXP(LOG(B\#)^*P\#) = 3125$ , which is 5 raised to the 5th power.

Likewise, if B#=3125 and P#=.2 then  $EXP(LOG(B\#)^*P\#)=5$ . The following subroutine used with our Double Precision Subroutine Program will give double precision exponentiation:

1000 DEFDBL Z
1010 INPUT"BASE NUMBER"; B#
1020 INPUT"POWER "; P#
1030 Z = B#
1040 GOSUB 40100
1050 Z = Z2 \* P#
1060 GOSUB 40200
1070 PRINT"THE RESULT IS"; Z2
1080 RETURN

You should remember two things while using this subroutine. First, the more accurate you make B# and P#, the more accurate your results will be. Second, make the correction to line 40100 in the Double Precision Subroutine Package. This line should read:

40100 Z2 = LOG(Z):  $I\emptyset = \emptyset$ : IF Z<1 THEN I2 = -1: Z = 1/Z ELSE I2 = 1

Note to Level I Users:

The Level I Users Manual contains similar routines in Appendix A.

### **Shell Sort Routine**

If you have been using our MAINLINE SORTING DRIVER from the November 1978 Newsletter, or some other form of ripple, bubble sort, you should find this sort to be much faster. This version of the Shell-Metzner sort will work in either Level II or DISK BASIC. For Level II operation, delete lines 500-540.

Our thanks to Emil Raabe of Arlington, TX who submitted a similar program.

- 10 CLOSE:CLS:CLEAR 12000 :REM CHANGE CLEAR TO FIT MEMORY SIZE
- 20 DIM A\$(1000):REM CHANGE DIM TO FIT MEMORY. A\$( ) HOLDS STRINGS TO BE SORTED.
- 30 LAST = 1
- 40 PRINT LAST;:INPUT A\$(LAST): REM INPUT STRINGS TO BE SORTED
- 50 IF A\$(LAST) = " " THEN 100
- 60 LAST = LAST + 1
- 70 GOTO 40
- 100 M = LAST
- 120 M = INT(M/2)
- 130 IF M = 0 THEN 400
- 140 J=1:K=LAST-M
- 150 l=J
- 160 L=I+M
- 170 IF A\$(I)< = A\$(L) THEN 220
- 175 PRINT@ 200,I,L,M
- 180 T\$ = A\$(I):A\$(I) = A\$(L):A\$(L) = T\$
- 190 I=I-M
- 200 IF I<1 THEN 220
- 210 GOTO 160
- 220 J = J + 1
- 230 IF J>K THEN 120
- 240 GOTO 150
- 400 FOR I = 1 TO LAST
- 410 PRINT A\$(I)
- **420 NEXT**
- 500 OPEN"0",1,"SORTLIST"
- 510 FOR I = 1 TO LAST
- 520 PRINT#1,A\$(I)
- **530 NEXT**
- 540 CLOSE
- 550 END

### Level II Manual, Second Edition

The Level II manual, Second Edition, is now being shipped with new computers, and may be available in some stores. As with most publications, there are a few errors, some of them carried forward from the First Edition. If you have a Second Edition manual, please make note of the following pages and errors.

- 3/6 Assuming each line on the page is numbered, the following errors exist: line 3 Second quote mark should come after the pound signs (#) and before the comma.
  - line 10 A blank should be included after 12.12 and before the period.
  - line 14 Delete the space between asterisk and 12.
  - line 20—change period to a comma. last line on page—ADD another line reading ABCD
- 3/12 In the Special Note, third line, the word PRINT left out.
- 4/17 line 20 of example program: first colon should be a semi-colon.
- A/7 The comma field specifier is missing.
- A/16 In the list of RESERVED WORDS, RUN and SYSTEM are missing.

### **Programming Tip #5**

Jay Reso reminded us that with the Model I TRS-80, you can "direct" your outputs. If you want everything which is supposed to go to the lineprinter to be sent to the video, execute the following:

POKE 16422, 88:POKE 16423, 4

To restore the lineprinter use:

POKE 16422, 141:POKE 16423, 5

If you want everything which is supposed to go to the video sent to the lineprinter,

POKE 16414, 141: POKE 16415, 5

To restore the video use:

POKE 16414, 88: POKE 16415, 4